

Adult Public Guardianship Review Board Meeting MINUTES

Howard County Maryland

Meeting date: August 3, 2017

A. Call to Order for Open Meeting: 8:42am

B. Roll Call via sign-in sheet, establishment of quorum.

- Voting members present—quorum established.
 1. Archana Leon-Guerrero, Psychiatrist Member (Chair)
 2. Renee Bitner, Public Health Nurse Member
 3. Nikki Young, Person with Physical Disability Member
 4. Fred (Chip) Coover, Attorney Member
 5. Eletta Morse, Commission on Aging Member
 6. Kim McKay, Lay Member
 7. William Moss, Nonprofit Member – Linwood Center
 8. Michelle Melotti, Radiologist - Physician other than Psychiatrist Board Member
 9. Michelle Henry, Professional working with Disabilities Member
- Voting members absent
 1. Chris Rand, Lay Member
- Vacant positions
 1. County Agency Member, Beryl Gantt resigned
- Others present
 1. Ria Rochvarg, Court appointed Attorney for most of the persons with disability on guardianship.
 2. Barrett King, Court appointed Attorney for most of the persons with disability on guardianship.
 3. Steven Plakitsis, Howard County Dept of Social Services (DSS) Supervisor.
 4. Mike Demidenko, Howard County Dept of Social Services (DSS) Assistant Director
 5. Beverly Heyden, Howard County Office of Law representing (DSS)
 6. Linda Schuster, Executive secretary, Howard County Dept of Social Services (DSS)
 7. Lisa Dameron, Maryland Department of Human Resources, observing Court appointed attorney.

C. Announcements—Ria announced that she will be leaving her position as Court appointed Attorney. Ria introduced Barrett King, who Court has appointed in most of the cases as her replacement.

D. Review/make appropriate changes and approve minutes from May 2017 meeting. Minutes from May 4 were reviewed/approved.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Circulation of reports electronically—GoogleDrive used by DSS, have not generalized this to Depart of Aging reports yet. Still pending legal advice regarding HIPPA applicability to us and HIPPA compliance of Goodle Drive, hangup still being who exactly is this board's legal advisor. Chip will follow up on behalf of Compliance Committee. Mike has spoken with Greg Sesek, statewide coordinator of County APGRGs, who needs more time to look into it as each of Maryland's 24 counties is different. This depends on whether we are a county or state entity. Beverly, Ria and Barrett opine that we are a state entity, although we have conflicting advice from others.
2. Bylaws—Chip passed out a draft copy, as approved by Compliance Committee, including input from Greg Sesek, statewide coordinator of County APGRBs. He asked for written input by all Board Members by deadline. It is hoped that Bylaws will be able to be voted upon during the next APGRB meeting in November 2017.
3. Form to certify Guardian's notification of Ward or Ward's Attorney of hearing date—Michelle H presented a draft. Discussion tabled until Bylaws voted upon, per Chip's recommendation.
4. New format for Guardian's report to Board—draft pending from Archana after Bylaws are finalized.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Compliance Committee Report—following up on items as above.
2. New Business from floor—NONE
3. Motion to move to closed meeting at 9:30, with next open/closed meeting set for Th Nov 2 at 8:30am.

G. ADJOURNMENT 9:30am

Minutes prepared by Linda Schuster, Secretary on 8/10/2017

Minutes revised by Archana Leon-Guerrero, Board President on 11/2/2017